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EA ONLY FOR AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE MURPHY

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SUBJECT: BRIEFING OF AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE MURPHY

AFTER CONSULTING COUNTRY TEAM MEMBERS, I SUBMIT FOLLOWING
LIST OF SPECIFIC ISSUES OR PROBLEMS FOR YOU TO LOOK INTO
DURING WASHINGTON BRIEFINGS (I.E., IN ADDITION TO MORE
GENERAL SUBJECTS):

1. ECONOMIC

- A. WESTINGHOUSE NUCLEAR POWER PROJECT
- -- STATUS OF JUSTICE/SEC INVESTIGATION INTO CHARGES
AGAINST WESTINGHOUSE; POSSIBILITY OF JUSTICE SEEKING JOINT
INVESTIGATION WITH GOP;
- -- STATUS OF NRC LICENSE FOR REACTOR (ANY PROBLEM
ANTICIPATED?)
- B. CIVIL AVIATION: WE HAVE INVITED GOP TO NEGOTIA-
TIONS IN WASHINGTON, BEGINNING JUNE 26. PRIMARY GOP
INTEREST WILL BE US RESPONSE TO GOP REQUESTS FOR LOS
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ANGELES AND GUAM. GOP FEELS, AND EMBASSY AGREES, US DID
NOT LIVE UP TO COMMITMENT ON PAL CARGO SERVICE TO US.

- C. TARIFFS ON COCONUT OIL AND MOHOGANY PLYWOOD, AND
EXTENT AND DEPTH OF GOP CONCESSIONS NECESSARY FOR US TO
REDUCE US TARIFFS TO MINIMUM POSSIBLE.

- D. STATUS OF JUSTICE INVESTIGATION INTO CHARGES THAT MC DONNELL DOUGLAS MADE IMPROPER PAYMENTS TO GOP/PAL OFFICIALS AT TIME OF PAL PLANE PURCHASES IN 1973-74.

- E. STATUS OF US OFFER TO SEND ENERGY TEAM (MADE DURING VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT)

- F. PLANS FOR ASEAN MINISTERIAL MEETING IN AUGUST, PARTICULARLY NATURE OF HIGH-LEVEL USG PARTICIPATION.

2. SECURITY

- A. SSA. GET A GOOD RUN-DOWN ON MECHANICS OF SSA AND PLANNING IN AID RE POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR OLONGAPO AND ANGELES

- B. GOOD FEEL FOR NEW ARMS EXPORT POLICY WILL BE VERY USEFUL. IN ADDITION, YOU WILL WANT GOOD UNDERSTANDING OF REASONS USG CANNOT RESPOND TO MANY SPECIFIC GOP REQUESTS FOR/INTERESTS IN MILITARY EQUIPMENT. RECOMMEND FURTHER THAT YOU LOOK INTO US POLICY ON ISSUANCE OF EXPORT LICENSES FOR ARMS MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT (SEE MANILA 6132).

- C. IMET. THE PROSPECTS FOR EXPANDING MILITARY TRAINING SAY TO \$2 MILLION ANNUALLY.

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- D. LEGAL OFFICER'S POSITION. THE NEED TO DO WHATEVER WE CAN TO INDUCE THE AIR FORCE JAG TO CONTINUE TO STAFF THIS ESSENTIAL POSITION (MANILA 7268).

3. POLITICAL

- A. IT IS IMPORTANT YOU HAVE FULL SENSE OF PRIVATE DISCUSSION BETWEEN VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE AND PRESIDENT MARCOS

- B. EMBASSY WILL WANT GUIDANCE ON PROBLEM OF BALANCING OUR GOAL OF MAINTAINING APPROPRIATELY WIDE CONTACT WITH OPPOSITION ELEMENTS AGAINST DESIRABILITY OF MINIMIZING REACTIONS FROM MARCOS AND OTHERS IN GOP, WHICH HAS LED TO OUR CURRENT POSTURE OF LOW PROFILE.

- C. LAW OF SEA: BACKGROUND OF US-GOP DISCUSSIONS RE ARCHIPELAGO CONCEPT, ESSENTIALS OF US POSITION, AND LIKELIHOOD OF FUTURE PROBLEMS WITH GOP.

- D. MULTILATERAL ISSUES: APART FROM GENERAL NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES, WE AWARE OF NONE WHERE GOP POSITION/ATTITUDE OF GREAT CONCERN OR HELP TO USG, BUT BRIEFING BY IO WOULD

GIVE YOU GOOD FEEL OF THIS SUBJECT.

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4. ICA

- A. PERSONNEL CEILING: ICA MANILA IS VERY ANXIOUS FOR AN INCREASE OF ONE IN MODE CEILING TO PROVIDE AN AMERICAN SECRETARY, AS WELL AS THE EXISTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER. ICA WASHINGTON READILY APPROVED THIS ADDITION BUT AMBASSADOR NEWSOM EXPRESSED DOUBT ABOUT THE NEED FOR THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER. (I CONSIDER THE ADDITION QUITE JUSTIFIED.) ICA WASHINGTON HAS THE FULL FILE. DECISION ON THIS WILL BE VERY DESIRABLE SHORTLY AFTER YOUR ARRIVAL.

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- B. CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS:

- -- IS THERE PRESENTATION SUITABLE FOR EMBASSY SPONSORSHIP IN CONNECTION CELEBRATION OF US-PHILIPPINE FRIENDSHIP DAY (JULY 4) (MANILA 7742)?

- -- WHAT PRESENTATIONS ARE IN STORE FOR NEXT 6 TO 9 MONTHS THAT WOULD BE SUITABLE FOR YOUR/EMBASSY SPONSORSHIP?

- C. FUNCTIONS AND IMPORTANCE OF ICA REGIONAL FACILITIES IN PHILIPPINES (E.G. VOA, REGIONAL SERVICES CENTER)

5. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. PEACE CORPS SUGGESTS YOU PROBE CURRENT WASHINGTON THINKING RE POSSIBLE EXPANSION OF PHILIPPINES PROGRAM AND CHANGE IN PROGRAM EMPHASES. (THERE IS MISSION CEILING OF 400 ON NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS.)

- B. JOINT ADMINISTRATION: WHAT ARE CHANCES OF GETTING STRONGLY-BACKED INTERAGENCY SURVEY OF NEED FOR JOINT ADMINISTRATION OPERATION HERE? AMBASSADOR NEWSOM FELT (AND I THOROUGHLY AGREE) THAT SUCH SURVEY WOULD PROVIDE AMBASSADOR HERE WITH NECESSARY CLOUT TO MOVE TOWARD GREATER DEGREE OF JOINT ADMINISTRATION, WHICH IS CERTAINLY REQUIRED (SEE MANILA 4623).

- C. VETERANS ADMINISTRATION PROGRAMS: WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, ARE THERE TO BE IN LEGISLATION GOVERNING PROGRAMS OF VETERANS ADMINISTRATION HERE? TOUSSAINT

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